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In re the Application of: Jerome A. Mouton, Jr., et al.  
(inventor(s))

Application No.: 09/295,690

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPGRADING A DATABASE IN A REDUNDANT ENVIRONMENT BY A RELEASE CHAINING  
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## AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2001, the applicants respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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